

TOWN OF LINCOLN

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Commission members present were Chairman John Sharkey, Andy Bruscini, John Picozzi, Steve Reynolds, Joe Goho, and Gary Stott.

Town Administrator, Joe Almond, was also present.

A motion was made by Steve Reynolds and was seconded by Andy Bruscini to accept the minutes from January 13, 2016. The minutes were accepted.

Director's Report:

There was no director's report, but Joe Almond was present to answer any questions.

Commissioner's Report:

Saylesville- Gary Stott – Quiet. There is usually ice fishing going on, but January was very warm. The house on Grandview Ave still has cars parking in the pond parking area. It's not a big deal now, but come spring, people going to the pond will need spaces to park.

Lonsdale- John Picozzi – Nothing new. The vending machine is not covered, but it belongs to the concession's guy. The concession stand roof has no gutters or drainage, so the water just comes down and pools up around the building. Can we get an answer on the landscaping around the flagpole as to whether Danny Flynn plans on maintaining that area with his business come the spring? John Sharkey said he would follow up with Mike Gagnon and see who

wants to contact Danny to see if he plans on maintaining it. If he doesn't plan to, then we need to come up with another plan.

Albion- John Sharkey – Nothing that he could see except for the bare spots on the field from the last report.

Manville- no report

Fairlawn- Andy Bruscini – There is a lot of snow. There is still a constant battle with the dogs. No one wants to do anything about it. At night, a person lets there dog loose on the field with a purple light up collar so that they can see them. We need signs at the entrances of the dug outs. We also need a new toddler swing, because it looks like it was chewed up by a dog.

Limerock- Steve Reynolds – Snow covered, but looks clean.

Quinville- Joe Goho – Everything is in good working order and operational.

Old Business:

A) Dug out Roofs at Sullivan Field: Joe Almond reported that the contract went out and the footings were supposed to be in before winter, but that didn't happen. We could cancel the contract and rebid, but that will push the project further out.

B) Light bulb replacements at Nichols: Joe Almond stated that Chet Nichols will get done. There are 14 bulbs out, but have been for about two years, and it should've already been done. There are no capital projects to replace all of the bulbs, but they will replace the ones that are out. They will try to get out on the field when the ground is still hard.

C) Dog signs at the parks: Joe Almond stated that anyone that sees a

loose dog should report it to the Animal control officer. The police now monitor all calls to the ACO. If they need to, they would send an officer down.

New Business:

Joe Almond reported that Paul Prachniak retired as the Director, as well as Andy Wade leaving as the assistant Director, and the Secretary of parks and recs moved to a different position in the building department. There was no one in the department, so they decided to hire a new Assistant Director, Scott Winslow, who has worked for years on the parks and recreation seasonal department. There is also a new part time clerk in the department to help out as well. As far as the labor department, there are six guys out in highway, which is really reducing the amount of things that are getting done. He hopes that by the spring, everyone will be back to work and we can catch up a little. Joe also mentioned that when we eventually privatize the recycling department, those employees would also be free to start helping the parks and recreations department. This has left a lot of projects hanging, and things not maintained the way they should be. They are trying to get caught up.

There are several projects that Joe Almond mentioned should be coming July 1st with the new budget. They want to reroof the gazebo at Lonsdale. They are also looking into getting some new swings. The dugouts will be done as soon as they bid out. They are also looking into building a barn style visiting center at Chase Farm which the state is offering an 80% grant for. We won't be able to do as many other projects, because we really want to do the Chase Farm project

because of the amount of the grant we can receive. The hot potato school house also needs to be rehabbed which they are investing \$15,000 toward.

John Sharkey expressed a concern for the ball fields come the spring. Will there be enough laborers to get the parks ready? Joe Almond reported that the labor will be there, and we can even put in overtime if we need to with people being out.

John Sharkey wanted to know what Joe's thoughts were about expanding the role beyond the Recreation Director and Assistant Director. Do we really need two people to fulfill the job? Joe said he is looking into it. They can't hire a Director right away anyway because of budgetary issues with paying out a severance package.

John Sharkey also brought up the problem of the geese on the fields. It is mostly a problem at the High School and Lonsdale because of the water. He was wondering if we could get a Town dog, under Animal Control or the police, that could go around to the fields and get rid of the geese. It would be a big job, but something needs to be done.

Joe Almond also stated that there will be a new field house at the high school in front of the bleachers if it passes. The school would maintain it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andy Bruscini, and the motion was seconded by member John Picozzi.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.